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In re Application of :
Minoretti et al. : DECISION ON PETITION
Application Number: 10/502213 :
Filing Date: 09/17/2004 :
Attorney Docket Number: GRIMM :
235-KFM :

This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b),¹ filed on October 31, 2007, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned on February 17, 2007, for failure to file a timely reply to the final Office action mailed on November 16, 2006, which set a three (3) month shortened statutory period for reply. No extensions of the time for reply were filed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). Notice of Abandonment was mailed on June 18, 2007. The petition filed on June 14, 2007, was dismissed on September 13, 2007.

¹ Effective December 1, 1997, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) now provide that where the delay in reply was unintentional, a petition may be filed to revive an abandoned application or a lapsed patent pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b). A grantable petition filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

(1) the required reply, unless previously filed. In a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met by the filing of a continuing application. In a nonprovisional application filed on or after June 8, 1995, and abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may also be met by the filing of a request for continued examination in compliance with § 1.114. In an application or patent, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee or any portion thereof, the required reply must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof. In an application abandoned for failure to pay the publication fee, the required reply must include payment of the publication fee.

(2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m);

(3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. The Commissioner may required additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional; and

(4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(c)).

Petitioners have filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and have indicated that the previously submitted amendment is the reply required by 37 CFR 1.114.

The application will be referred to Technology Center Art Unit 3732 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3231.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D Wood", is positioned above the typed name.

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